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1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY AND SENATOR-ELECT TRAN DIEN TOLD EMBOFFS EVENING SEPTEMBER 12 THAT HE BELIEVES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE REASONABLY HONEST AND IT WOULD BE DISASTER FOR VIET-NAM IF ASSEMBLY VOTED TO INVALIDATE ELECTION.

2. DIEN EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT PRO-KY DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE DEPUTIE MIGHT SUPPORT MOVE TO ANNUL ELECTION RESULTS. DIEN SAID HE HAD MET LE PHUOC SANG AND LE QUANG LIEM DAY BEFORE IN CORRIDOR OF ASSEMBLY BUILDING AND BOTH WERE FLASHING AROUND PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF TALLY SHEETS SHOWING DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION RETURNS AND THOSE ACTUALLY ANNOUNCED BY CENTRAL EECTION COUNCIL. DIEN SAID HE HAD NO WAY OF TELLING

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WHETHER THESE DOCUMENTS ARE AUTHENTIC OR FABRICATED, BUT HE SUSPECTS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DMOCRATIC-ALLIANCE DEPUTIES BY GENERAL LOAN.

3. DESPITE CHARGES OF FRAUD, SOME OF WHICH DIEN FEELS MAY BE TRUE, DIEN SAID HE WAS TAKING LINE WITH COLLEAGUES IN ASSEMBLY THAT IF THIS ELECTION IS ANNULLED "THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER ELECTION FOR TEN YEARS".

4. DIEN WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY SUCCESS OF TRAN VAN DON'S "FARMER-WORKER-SOLDIER" SLATE IN UPPER HOUSE RACE; (DIEN IS MEMBER OF THE SLATE). HE ATTRIBUTED EXCELLENT SHOWING TO SUPPORT FROM MANY AND VARIED QUARTERS SUCH AS THE GVN, TRI QUANG, AND THE CVT AND HE GAVE PUBLISHER DAN VAN SUNG MUCH OF CREDIT FOR SLATE'S EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION. DIEN HOPES THAT AS MANY AS 50 ADHERENTS OF "FARMER-WORKER-SOLDIER" MOVEMENT MIGHT WIN SEATS IN NE LOWER HOUSE.

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